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Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Room 14-71 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857

## Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to feed in order to produce growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. And that can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacteria infections in humans. That's why I support the petition filed by CSPI.

I would expect also that the antibiotics in question would eventually wear out their effectiveness in treating cattle, so that the whole idea seems self-defeating unless you have stock in pharmaceuticals. Perhaps I am being too speculative, skeptical and uncharitable. It would be hard to imagine an American industry that would put profit ahead of human lives or health.

Sincerely,

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